PY 2021 ACTION PLAN (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) ONE YEAR USE OF FUNDS SUMMARY AND 30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

The City of Birmingham's Community Development Department is preparing for its Program Year (PY) 2021 application cycle and Public Hearing for its PY 2021 Action Plan in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) formula programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids (HOPWA).

The purpose of these programs is to coordinate effective neighborhood and community development strategies. Specific goals seek to benefit low and moderate-income persons, prevent or eliminate blight, provide decent affordable housing, or meeting an urgent community development need. Priority will be given to neighborhood revitalization, economic/workforce development, and homelessness prevention projects. Potential projects include, but are not limited to the following: increasing the availability of affordable housing, homebuyer counseling, economic development initiatives, youth educational and recreational opportunities, preventing homelessness and increasing access to quality public and private facilities. These projects must primarily benefit low and moderate-income persons and communities.

The initial Public Hearings for the PY 2021 Action Plan outlines the City's objectives and priorities for spending approximately \$9.3 million of PY 2021 funds. Public Hearings will be held in a virtual format on <u>December 14, 2020 and January 20, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.</u> The link to participate in the virtual public hearings will be made available on the City's website-Community Development Department webpage at <u>www.birminghamal.gov/community-development</u> by December 11th.

The PY 2021 Action Plan will be developed after considering citizen comments and proposals received at the Public Hearings conducted virtually by the City's Community Development Department on December 14, 2020 and January 20, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and from the timely receipt of written comments and proposals received in the Community Development Department on or before **January 29, 2021 at 4:00 pm.**

You may send completed proposals (email preferred) and comments to the attention of:

Chris Hatcher, Director
CARES Act Substantial Amendment
Community Development Department
710 North 20th Street
Room 1000 - City Hall
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
housingandcommunityinfo@birminghamal.gov

At these public hearings, the application will be discussed in detail and potential applicants will have the opportunity to ask specific questions about proposed activities, funding priorities and process. Applications will be available on the City's website at www.birminghamal.gov/community-development beginning December 7, 2020.

Persons needing special assistance (such as translated materials or an application) or a reasonable accommodation to provide comments, please contact the City of Birmingham at housingandcommunityinfo@birminghamal.gov or Ms. Adrienne Stitt at (205) 254-2309. Please include, "Request", in the e-mail subject line.